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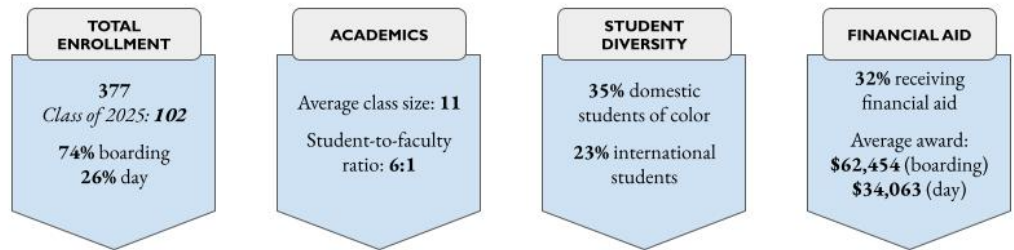


ST. MARK'S SCHOOL

School Profile 2024-2025

St. Mark's is an independent Episcopal boarding and day high school located 25 miles west of Boston. The academic program is a blend of a classical liberal arts curriculum and innovative contemporary pedagogy. Across the curriculum, students are exposed to interdisciplinary work and the opportunity to develop strong skills in critical thinking, written communication, scientific inquiry, historical research, and collaborative problem-solving.

Our classes are traditionally referred to as forms: 9th grade is III Form, 10th grade is IV Form, 11th grade is V Form, and 12th grade is VI Form.



Signature Programs

History Research Fellowship: This semester-long Fellowship trains students in the skills of academic research and historiography. Students are admitted by application. Each Fellow pursues rigorous, in-depth research in venues ranging from libraries to archives to the halls of Congress. The course culminates in the production of a substantial research paper, which students defend before a faculty panel.

STEM Fellowship: This year-long Fellowship offers students the chance for deep exploration of a topic of interest while developing real-world skills needed for high-level scientific research. Students are admitted by application. Fellows work with faculty and external mentors to design and conduct their own experiments and apply their research to real-world challenges. Fellows present at local and national science fairs.

Classics Diploma: Students earn a Classics Diploma by completing at least three years of one classical language and two of the other, traveling on the Classics Diploma trip to Greece or Italy, and completing a capstone project.

Global Diploma: Students earn a Global Diploma by taking *Advanced Studies in Global Citizenship*, participating in travel and exchange programs, meeting regularly as a cohort to discuss local and global issues, and completing a capstone project.

Experiential Learning: Students take a Saturday course each semester in addition to their Monday through Friday classes. Saturday classes are experiential in nature and allow students to pursue current interests and explore new ones in hands-on, collaborative, interdisciplinary courses. *NOTE: Saturday courses switched from a trimester system to a semester system in 2023-2024.*

At the end of the school year, all students complete a 10-day Form-based experiential course during Lion Term. These courses encourage students to think beyond themselves and apply their learning to the wider world. Alternatively, IV, V, and VI Form students may apply to participate in Lions Roam, which combines an elective academic course with a travel and immersion experience during Lion Term. This year's Lions Roam, *Nazi Germany and the Holocaust*, will travel to Germany and Poland.

Academic Information

Class of 2025

St. Mark's operates on a semester system, with both semester-long and full-year courses offered. **The standard course load consists of six classes each semester in III Form and five classes each semester in IV, V, and VI Form.** IV, V, and VI Form students with Honors grades (B+ or better average with no grade below C) may take six classes in a semester.

Our most rigorous courses are designated Advanced; we do not offer AP classes. Students have very limited opportunities to pursue Advanced-level courses before V Form.

The only Honors courses offered for the Class of 2025 are *Honors Chemistry*, *Honors Algebra II*, and *Honors Precalculus*.

| Diploma Requirements and Courses Offered | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| Subject | Required Sequence | Electives and Advanced Courses | |
| English <i>4 years required</i> | Writing Workshop (III) Survey of Literary Genres (IV) Inquiry & Revelation (V) 2 electives (VI) | VI Form semester electives 2024-2025: The Art of the Short Story The Best of Contemporary British Fiction Cold War, Cool Culture Dystopian Flood Filmmaking | |
| Math <i>Through Algebra II required</i> | Algebra I Geometry Algebra II <i>or</i> Honors Algebra II | Statistics, Functions, and Trigonometry (<i>prerequisite: Alg II</i>) Introduction to Calculus (<i>prerequisite: SFT</i>) Precalculus <i>or</i> Honors Precalculus Calculus (<i>prerequisite: Precalc</i>) Mathematical Modeling: The Business of Social Justice (<i>prerequisite: Precalc</i>) Mathematical Modeling: Finance and Economics (<i>prerequisite: Precalc</i>) | Gothic Literature Migration and Literature Rise of the Short Story: Creative Short Fiction Workshop Improv and Sketch Comedy Writing News That Stays News: Poetry Sage Against the Machine: Indigenous Futurism Advanced AB Calculus (<i>prerequisite: Precalc</i>) Advanced BC Calculus (<i>prerequisite: Honors Precalc</i>) Advanced Statistics (<i>prerequisite: Precalc + dept permission</i>) Advanced Topics in Math (<i>prerequisite: Adv BC Calc</i>) Advanced Topics in STEM: Taft Research Fellowship* |
| Science <i>2 years of lab science required</i> | Physics (III) and either Chemistry <i>or</i> Honors Chemistry <i>or</i> Biology | Environmental Science Anatomy and Physiology Biotechnology Engineering and Design I + II | Advanced Biology Advanced Chemistry Advanced Physics: Mechanics Advanced Physics: E & M (<i>prerequisite: Mechanics</i>) Advanced Physics: Modern Topics (<i>prerequisite: Mechanics</i>) Advanced Topics in STEM: Taft Research Fellowship* |
| History <i>Global Seminar and US History required</i> | The Global Seminar (III) US History <i>or</i> Advanced US History (V <i>or</i> VI) | East Asian Studies Genocide and Justice in Local and Global Contexts Microeconomics Macroeconomics Nazi Germany and the Holocaust Psychology I + II (<i>can be taken out of sequence</i>) Positive Psychology | Advanced African American Studies Advanced Studies in Global Citizenship Advanced US Government and Politics Advanced Topics in History: Research Fellowship* Advanced World History |
| World Languages <i>Through Level III required</i> | Chinese I, II, III French I, II, III Spanish I, II, III Latin I, II, Introduction to Latin Literature Greek I, II, Topics in Greek Literature | Chinese IV French IV Spanish IV | Advanced French: Contemporary Themes Advanced Spanish Language and Cultures Advanced Topics in Latin Literature <i>Note: Advanced Chinese is not offered in 2024-2025</i> |
| Religion <i>2 semesters required</i> | Judaism, Christianity, Islam | Death, Dying, and the Afterlife Eastern Religious Thought Ethics & Morality Genocide and Justice in Local and Global Contexts Social Justice in Local and Global Contexts Religion, Art, and Social Change | Advanced Religion: Modern Philosophy and the Challenges of Unbelief |
| Arts <i>1 year required**</i> | Studio I <i>or</i> Ceramics I <i>or</i> Sculpture I <i>or</i> Music Studio I + II <i>or</i> Theater I <i>or</i> Choir, Jazz Band, Orchestra† | Ceramics II Filmmaking From Blues to EDM I + II Improv and Sketch Comedy Writing Studio II | Advanced Music Theory Advanced Studio Art Studio Investigations (<i>prerequisite: Advanced Studio</i>) Advanced Ceramics |
| Computer Science | | Computer Science I + II Computer Programming with Java | Advanced Computer Science: Data Structures and Algorithms Advanced Topics in Computer Science: Project Management and Development Advanced Topics in STEM: Taft Research Fellowship* |

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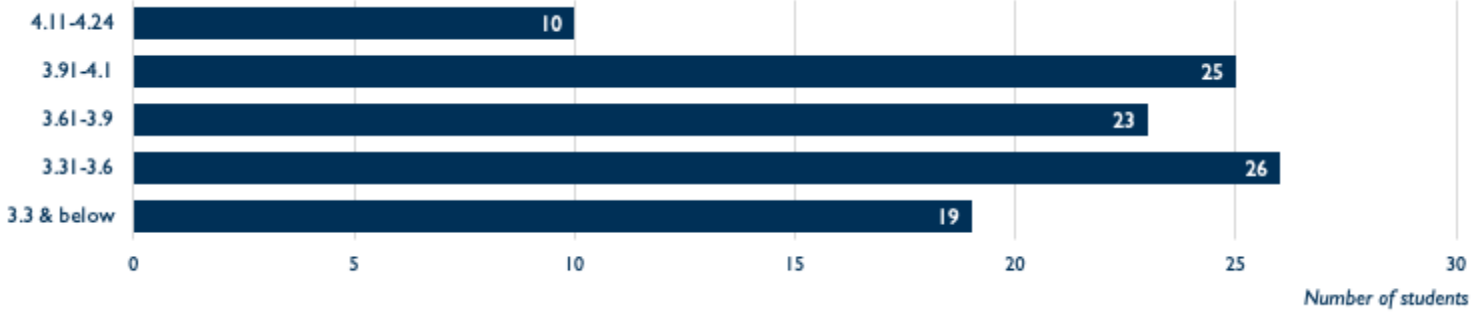
* Selective application process required for History Fellowship and STEM Fellowship

** One semester of arts required for students who enter as V Formers

† Students must complete two consecutive years of Choir, Jazz Band, or Orchestra to fulfill the arts requirement

Visit <https://www.stmarksschool.org/academics> for additional information about our academic program, including course descriptions for all classes.

Class of 2025: Distribution of GPA through V Form



The GPAs above are **unweighted** and include only courses taken at St. Mark's School. St. Mark's does not compute class rank or release individual GPAs to colleges.

Class of 2025: Grade Distribution in V Form Courses

Includes only courses enrolling 5 or more V Formers during 2023-2024; does not include arts courses.

| Course Name | A+ | A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C | C- |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| V Form English: Inquiry and Revelation | 9 | 37 | 26 | 13 | 14 | 4 | 2 | - | - |
| US History | 1 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Advanced US History | 2 | 43 | 12 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Microeconomics | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Macroeconomics | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| Psychology I | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Judaism, Christianity, and Islam | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Ethics and Morality | - | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Algebra II | - | - | 4 | - | 2 | 5 | - | - | - |
| Statistics, Functions and Trigonometry | - | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Precalculus | - | 6 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | - | - |
| Honors Precalculus | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Calculus | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Advanced AB Calculus | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Advanced BC Calculus | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Advanced Statistics | 10 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Advanced Topics in Math: Heuristics | 5 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Advanced Topics in Math: Probability | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Biology | 10 | 24 | 11 | 4 | 5 | - | - | - | - |
| Environmental Science | 1 | 4 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Advanced Biology | 2 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Advanced Chemistry | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Advanced Physics: Mechanics | 9 | 10 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Greek I | 3 | 10 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Introduction to Latin Literature | 1 | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| French III | - | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| French IV | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Spanish III | 1 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Spanish IV | 2 | 10 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Advanced Chinese Language and Culture | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |

Policy on Reporting of Discipline

Consistent with the NACAC *Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission*, and our strong belief in the integrity of the application process, St. Mark's students are required to respond honestly to questions about their disciplinary history.

College Matriculation: 2022–2024

Over the past three years, St. Mark's students have chosen to attend the nearly 120 colleges and universities listed below. Each year, on average, students matriculate at 60 different schools in more than 20 states, as well as countries outside the US. Virtually all St. Mark's graduates enroll in a four-year institution immediately upon graduation. Schools listed in bold have enrolled **three or more** St. Markers between 2021-2023.

Amherst College
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Canisius University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Denison University
Drew University
Duke University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College

Harvard University
Haverford College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University
Marist College
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Middlebury College
Molloy University
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Reed College
Regis College
Rhode Island School of Design
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
SUNY College at Brockport
Syracuse University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana

Union College
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Irvine)
University of Chicago
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Kentucky
University of King's College (Canada)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Université de Montréal
University of New England
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of St Andrews (UK)
University of Texas at Austin
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Utica University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
William & Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

INTENTIONALLY SMALL, **THINKING BIG.**

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